

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection of claims 1 and 11. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that the restriction requirement was withdrawn.

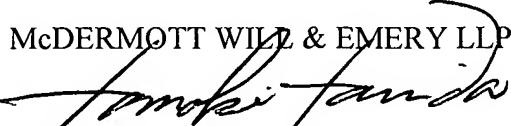
In this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Specifically, claims 1 and 11 have been amended in response to the Examiner's objection, thereby overcoming the stated bases for the objection to the claims. Claim 6 has been amended to add the period “.” at the end of the claim.

Therefore, the imposed objection has been overcome based on this Amendment, and all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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